

JAMES J. GIBBS.

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Mr. ANDERSON, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 5327.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5327) to grant a pension to James J. Gibbs, submit the following report:

James J. Gibbs served in Capt. Gideon White's company of Tennessee Home Guards. The War Department records show that the organization was not in the United States service. The evidence filed with the committee shows that in 1864 the company to which he belonged was on a raid after guerrillas. Claimant and others appear to have been posted as guards around a house which was being searched for rebel guerrillas, with orders to shoot on sight anyone whom they saw trying to escape. During the search claimant received a gunshot wound, entering the left breast and making its exit just below the shoulder blade, the ball going clear through him. The surgeon who dressed the wound passed a silk handkerchief clear through the wound, to clean it out. The claim was rejected in the Pension Office, claimant not having been in the military service of the United States.

Your committee are satisfied, from the evidence, that the wound was received in line of duty in the service of his country, and therefore recommend the passage of the bill, with an amendment to the title, striking out all of the title after the name "Gibbs."